US-Ukraine to Propose Immediate 30-day Ceasefire to Russia; Russia has already said "no."

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The United States and Ukraine, meeting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, have decided to propose an immediate 30-day ceasefire to Russia.

The U.S. is promoting this as some sort of progress in settling the Ukraine-Russia Conflict. The Russians don't seem to see it that way.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told a TV interviewer today the latest effort is reminiscent of the Minsk Agreement back in the year 2014. In that agreement, Germany and France both attended the peace conference, helped with negotiations, and signed the agreement. Ukraine did not honor even a single aspect of that agreement, and once the Russia-Ukraine conflict broke out, former French President Francois Hollande, and former German Chancellor Angela Merkel admitted in two TV interviews, the entire Minsk Conference was a ruse. They only did it to buy time to arm Ukraine for war with Russia.

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So it seems that Russia - once burned by a deliberately deceitful West - is not going to fall for it again, this time.

"Russia will not agree to a 30-day ceasefire since it will only allow Ukraine to regroup and re-arm" said Viktor Sobolev, a Deputy in the Russian Duma (Parliament).

Hal Turner Analysis

In my opinion, Russia sees this as just another ruse; just like Minsk.

Only this time, Russia is winning the conflict and Ukraine (and the West) are losing. So the Russians don't have to stop doing __anything__ because they're winning. If the entire proposal falls-through, it won't change even one thing that Russia is doing because the Russians are winning.

The West, however, is not just losing, it is falling apart.

Upon the election of Donald Trump as US President for a second term, the US made clear it wants this war to stop. Europe, on the other hand, does not.

But it isn't Europe that's footing most of the bill in Aid and military hardware; it's the United States - and we're becoming dangerously low on military weaponry that we might need to defend ourselves.

So Europe is royally ticked-off that the US is changing its position on the war and the Europeans are not even trying to be friendly or understanding about it.

As Europe flails in its own weakness - because most European countries who are in NATO have failed for decades to meet the required two percent GDP on military expenditures-- they're also bad mouthing the United States as if they matter. They don't.

The U.S. has everything it needs to be completely self-sufficient forever. Food, water, Oil, natural gas, lumber, fertilizer and the like. Europe, on the other hand, cannot survive without foreign natural gas and does not have nearly the oil reserves of the US. Europe used to be food self-sufficient, but the Ukraine-Russia war put a big damper on that.

So Europe is whining, screeching, and flailing as if it is some powerhouse, when the facts show otherwise. Europe needs to sit down and be quiet.

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